Reference Table of Pediculicides by Chemical Name

Chemical	Brands	Application Time	Lice Killing Time	Percent of Nits Killed	Precautions/ Adverse Effects
Pyrethrin 0.33% Pyrethrin (Pyrethrum extracts) with 4% Piperonyl Butoxide A natural extract of chrysanthemums.	A-200 ¹ Clear ² End Lice ³ Pedicide ⁴ Pronto ⁵ R&C ⁶ RID ⁷ Generics	10 Minutes	10-23 Minutes	70-80%	 Use with caution on persons allergic to ragweed. Do not get into eyes, nose or mouth. Caution for lactating women.
Permethrin 1% Permethrin A synthetic compound based on the insecticidal compondents of natural permethrins.	Nix ⁸	10 Minutes	10-15 Minutes	70-80%	 Possible skin irritation or rash. Do not get into eyes, nose or mouth. Caution for lactating women.
Lindane An organochlorine.	Generics	4 Minutes	140-230 Minutes	45-70%	Potential CNS toxicity.Teratogenic effects.Caution for lactating women.
Malathion 0.5% Malathion	Ovide ⁹	8-12 Hours	5-10 Minutes	95%	Possible skin irritation.Not recommended for infants or neonates.

¹Hogil Pharmaceuticals

²Care Technologies

³Thompson Medical Company

⁴Apothecary Products, Inc.

⁵Del Pharmaceuticals

⁶Block Drug Co.

⁷Pfizer

⁸Warner-Lambert

⁹Medicis